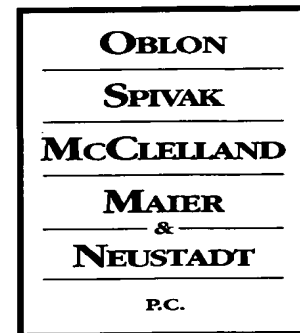


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Applicants: Shuhei HAYAMI, et al.  
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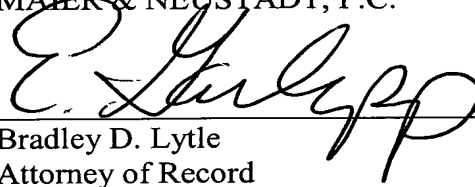
In response to the election requirement dated September 19, 2005, Applicants elect without traverse Group II, Claims 2-6, drawn to an optical fiber having plurality of core and cladding regions, classified in class 385, subclass 126. Applicants further elect the single species disclosed in Fig. 2. for further examination on the merits. Applicant identifies Claims 2-6, as readable on the elected species. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected embodiment.

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Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 2-6 is believed to be in order and  
an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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